



2019 HOME HEATING CREDIT

Residential Customers

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) doesn't want you to miss your chance to receive the Home Heating Credit (HHC) from the state of Michigan! The HHC can help pay your winter heating bills and is funded by the federal Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). If you use a large portion of your monthly income to pay heating costs, you may be eligible for the HHC for the 2019 tax year.

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

Eligible customers must meet the following guidelines:

- ✓ homestead is in Michigan,
- ✓ own or rent your home (including a rented apartment or mobile home on a lot in a mobile home park) where you live, and
- ✓ income is within the limits listed in the chart below or you qualify based on alternate guidelines including household income, exemptions, and heating costs. Check the HHC form (MI-1040CR-7 for more information).

Income Guidelines	
Exemptions	Income Ceiling
0 - 1	\$13,757
2	\$18,614
3	\$23,471
4	\$28,328
5	\$33,214
6	\$38,071
Add \$4,857 for each additional exemption	

How Do I Apply?

You can apply for the HHC by filling out form **MI-1040CR-7** for 2019. You do not have to file a Michigan tax return to apply for the HHC.

If you qualified for the HHC, you are also eligible for the Winter Protection Plan and should contact your local utility for more information.

Where Can I Find An HHC Form?

There are many ways you can receive an HHC form:

Michigan Department of Treasury

- ✓ www.michigan.gov/treasury. Enter "Home Heating Credit" in the search box.
- ✓ Call them at 517-636-4486 to receive a copy.

Michigan Relay Center, 711

- ✓ For hearing or speech impaired, TTY is available.

Utility Companies

- ✓ Contact your company for a form and they have personnel who can assist you with the form.

Other Locations

- ✓ Public libraries
- ✓ Michigan Post Offices
- ✓ Department of Health and Human Services offices
- ✓ Locations where income tax forms are available



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When Can I Apply?

File your HHC form as soon as you know your household income for 2019.

THE DEADLINE FOR FILING THE FORM IS SEPTEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR.

Before sending in your form, check to make sure it is complete, accurate, and has been signed. Keep a copy of the number of exemptions you are claiming, the date you filed, and the amount of the credit to use in verifying the status of your application with the Department of Treasury. If you have trouble paying your heating bills before you receive the credit or receive a shutoff notice, call your utility company immediately. If your utility company is regulated by the MPSC, you cannot have your heat shut-off while you are waiting for the credit.

Who Can I Call for Help?

2-1-1 is a free and confidential phone service available 24 hours a day. They will provide you with information and referrals for agencies in your community that can assist you with the following:

- ✓ Utilities
- ✓ Completing tax forms
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Childcare
- ✓ Transportation, and more.

If you are having difficulty resolving issues with your utility company, the MPSC staff will assist you. You may contact them by:

Phone: Toll free, 800-292-9555

Mail: Michigan Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 30221
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Online: www.michigan.gov/mpsc